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Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters on 12 February 2016 and from 1 to 10 February 2017. The Commission held [ ] meetings (1st to [ ]).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of [ ] States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2017/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 12 February 2016, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/6, the Commission elected Elisabeta David (Romania) and

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Ana Sandoval Espinola (Paraguay) by acclamation as Vice-Chairs for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission also elected Brian Bowler (Malawi) as Vice-Chair of the fifty-fifth session. The Commission postponed the election of the Chair from the Western European and other States and the Vice-Chair from the Asia-Pacific States.

6. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 February 2017, the Commission elected Philipp Charwath (Austria) as Chair of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

7. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Lot Dzonzi (Malawi) to replace Brian Bowler (Malawi) and Alanoud Al-Temimi (Qatar) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

8. At the same meeting, the Commission designated the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ana Sandoval Espinola (Paraguay), as Rapporteur of the fifty-fifth session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 February 2017, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   - (a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all;
   - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
     - (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
     - (ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;
     - (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
     - (iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
     - (v) Family issues, policies and programmes;
   - (c) Emerging issues: promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   - (a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019;
   - (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as set out in annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1.

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-fifth session is contained in annex [ ] to the present report.